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1. Bratrstvi central forced-labor camp is situated about 800 m. north-northeast of the Jachymov mining area near a stream which flows around the Jachymov tobacco factory.

The camp is surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence about four meters high. The space between the fences is about two meters. (For description see Annex and legend.)

2. The number of prisoners in the camp varies around 500. Of these about 350 work in the Zdar Buh mine, and the others work in the camp or are under the orders of the SNB. In August 1953, they began to take up to about 15 prisoners to two new pits, which were just being opened. One lies about 1,000 m. southwest of Nove Mesto and the other about 300 m. northeast of hill 896. (The first pit is either at the source, or along the course, of the medicinal waters that go to Karlovy Vary.)
3. There are about 100 SNB in the camp itself and in the administration huts outside the camp. Some of these live in the huts (#2 on the Annex) and some at Mistek in special SNB quarters. There is always one SNB man on guard on the towers. He is armed with a submachine gun, a machine gun, a rocket pistol, and hand grenades. At the SNB guard post there is always one SNB guard whose task is to stop prisoners coming out of the administration building.
4. The commandant of the camp is Staff Officer Kolar (fnu). His superior officer, who is never seen in the camp, is Lieutenant Jaros. The canteen manager is Staff Sergeant Macalka, who also allots the work. Staff Sergeant Kovarik pays out the wages.
5. There are two courses of political instruction, for beginners and for advanced pupils. For beginners these courses take place twice a week for one hour and for the others twice weekly for two hours. Three times a

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week there are 20-minute political talks over the camp address system. Each room has its own loudspeaker. There is a library, mostly of politically slanted books, for the prisoners. About once a month the prisoners perform amateur theatricals, doing comedies and classics. The prisoners have formed a choir and a ping-pong group, and there are also facilities for physical training in the camp: parallel bars, a crossbar, and a horse. Volleyball can be played. There are courses in German, English, Russian, and Polish. A movie is shown usually twice a week.

6. The food is of good quality and sufficient in quantity. There are four courses for dinner with a choice offered. Each prisoner gets his own iron bed with a wire mattress, one straw mattress, a pillow, three woolen blankets, a sheet and a pillow slip. The sheet and the pillowcase may be changed every two weeks. In winter the prisoners get winter shirts and vests, which they do not get in other camps. There are generally 10 to 12 prisoners to a room. Baths may be taken every day and at any time in the camp baths. Everyone can shave every day. Each new prisoner has his hair cut off, but can then let it grow again. Hair is also cut off as a punishment. All underwear and towels are changed every week. Any prisoner who comes back from his shift with wet garments can change into dry clothes. 50X1-HUM
7. There are compulsory medical examinations every three months. At these there is some kind of inoculation. [redacted] probably typhus or tetanus. Prisoners can also have further examinations or be X-rayed at any time.
8. The food is inspected daily by a doctor to see whether its preparation is sufficiently clean, its caloric content high enough, and whether it is prepared according to medical prescriptions for the Jachymov mines. Each new prisoner gets a medical examination and X-ray to check whether he is medically fit for work in the uranium mines. Each prisoner has his own health sheet, which has five divisions marked: A1, A, B, C, D.
 - A1: perfectly healthy, weight up to standard;
 - A: healthy, but physically weak;
 - B: healthy, but has an injury or rheumatism which could hinder work;
 - C: small spots on the lungs; should not work in the mine, but only on the surface;
 - D: unfit for the Jachymov mines.
 Those who are marked D go back to their prisons and then to camps in the interior, in order that their health be not jeopardized. This system of classification is fixed by the Ministry of Health but is not always adhered to.
9. The rooms have linoleum floors which must be swept three times a day. Once a month the rooms are sprayed with disinfectant and blankets sprayed with DDT. Anyone can get DDT and do his own disinfecting. 50X1-HUM

Enclosure: 1 map sketch with legend [redacted]

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Legend to the Plan of the Central Bratrstvi
Forced Labor Camp

1. SNB volleyball field.
 2. SNB flats.
 3. SNB guard post.
 4. Camp garages; brick.
 5. Stores of food.
 6. Administrative building.
 7. Entrance to the camp.
 8. Wicket gate at the entrance.
 9. Guard post.
 10. Store for potatoes.
 11. Store for vegetables.
 12. Store for coal.
 13. Rubbish heap.
 14. Lavatories.
 15. Store for wood.
 16. Joiners' shop.
 17. Parade ground for roll calls.
 18. SNB lavatories.
 19. Back entrance to the canteen.
 20. Prisoners' huts.
 - 20 a. Camp commandant's offices, pay office, safe, library.
 - 20 b. Rooms of prisoners working in the offices.
 - 20 c. Kitchen.
 - 20 d. Barber, office, and room for the prisoner who superintends the camp.
 21. Hut for preferred groups of prisoners.
 22. Canteen, cobblers' shops, tailor, room for newcomers.
 23. Hut for cultural activities, baths.
 24. Garage; brick.
 25. New laundry.
 26. Store for prisoners' civilian clothes.
 27. Old hospital.
 28. New hospital.
 29. Guard towers.
 30. Road around the camp to Mustek (SNB Barracks).
 31. Road to Zdar Buh mine.
 32. Road from the camp to Jachymov.
 33. Barbed-wire fence..
 34. Mustek mine.
 35. Stream flowing through the camp.
- All huts (except 4 and 24) are wooden, covered with tarpaper, three meters high.

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Plan of the Bratrstvi Central Forced-Labor Camp